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In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for facilitating the translation of files comprising:
 - establishing, via a host computer, definitions comprising at least one of sorting criteria, filter criteria, date range, file format, accounting codes and formatting criteria;
 - creating, via said host computer, an interface file including said definitions;
 - reading, via said host computer, data from a first source;
 - reading, via said host computer, the said definitions contained in the said interface file; and
 - translating, via said host computer, said data from said first source according to the said definitions contained in the said interface file.
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said ~~creating~~ establishing step comprises:
 - entering receiving information regarding the a type of said interface file to be created;
 - entering receiving data regarding the a desired file format; and
 - entering receiving formatting data regarding the a format of the said data being translated.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said entering receiving formatting data step comprises: entering said formatting data regarding for each field of said data being translated.
4. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein said formatting data comprises:
 - a field name;
 - a description;
 - a length of the field;
 - an indicator of fixed-width/variable width status;

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a mask to force data into a particular style;
justification information; position information; and
element information.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein said element information comprises:

information regarding ~~the~~ a type of said data in the said field, wherein said information is ~~selected from the following:~~ comprises at least one of a calculated expression; a static table entry; alphanumeric information; and a query.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising:
~~optionally~~ selecting a template file as a starting point for creating the interface
file;

~~optionally~~ entering data regarding a sorting preference; and
~~optionally~~ entering data regarding a filtering preference, preference;

7. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of establishing definitions comprises establishing definitions based upon a response to a question presented to a user via a user interface.

8. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said translating step further comprises:
creating a second source of a predetermined type;
writing said data to said second source; and,
saving said second source.

9. (new) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of establishing definitions further comprises establishing definitions having a property relating to a data field.

10. (new) The method of claim 9, wherein said property includes at least one of field name, description, status, length flag, length, minimum length, maximum length, format mask, justification, pad character, quote, delimiter flag, start position, end position,

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counter increment flag, element, query field, static table entry, counter, fixed test,
expression, character function and common expression.